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An Unworthy Party Act

The Republican convention at Wailuku is not to be congratulated on its action in striking the name of Governor Carter from a paragraph of its platform comooooooooooooooooooo mending the businesslike administration of public affairs. The Star

will not be accused of holding a brief for Governor Carter, yet it has never failed to give him credit for working some valuable reforms in the administration of Territorial affairs, particularly in a financia way. There is no good reason why the Republican party should not fairly acknowledge this, even though a great majority of the party is in an attitude of strong opposition to the governor on account of his mistakes and some of his policies.

One of the very things for which the governor is severely criticized serves of itself to show how illogical is the attitude taken by the convetion. It is charged that the executive likes to be "the whole thing," that he wants to run, and does run, all the departments and assumes to be, in fact, a dictator rather than an American governor. If there is anything in this charge-a charge made by the very men who struck his name from the platform of the party,-it follows that if the administration of affairs has been praiseworthy at all, Carter must necessarily be the man who did the most to make it so, To strike his name from a paragraph praising what he has done was not an act of fairness and it will not weaken him nor strengthen those of his cuemies who did it,

The Wailuku Platform

V The platform adopted by the Republican party at Wailuku. aside from the suppression of Governor Carter's name where in all fairness it ought to have been, and one or two other minor matters, is an excellent document in its class.

While it enunciates no new principles nor contains profound statements of old ones, it displays close touch with popular sentiment. It is rather a discriminating enunciation of the practical things, the politic things, that have been crystallized in public thought since the last p legislature was in session, rather than an attempt to lead public sentiment along lines of policy or legislation. It is evident from a reading of the platform that every element of the party has had a hearing, and there is embraced in the platform, not everything that has been proposed, not everything that is wanted, but most of those things for which there seems to be genuine sentiment, and which are practicable.

One of the really important planks is that regarding county government and the improvement of the county act along the lines suggested by experience. County government in the sense of local self government has come to stay. The experience of the past year has confirmed the opinions of those who favored it, and reassured most of those who hesitated and feared. Yet there are left some implacables, and they are ready to do any injury they can. The best thing for county government is a constant search and endeavor to improve it. Such an endeavor will have two effects. It will keep attention directed to the principles of local self government, and it will have a tendency to secure better men to carry it on.

The plank on the subject of liquor licenses, is a partial reflection of public sentiment created by experience under the present law. The proposal for local option is left out-which is a matter of doubtful expediency, as the demand for local option is probably quite as strong as that for any other amendment of the present law, and those who favor it are probably more deeply in earnest in behalf of it than those who favor any other change. The plank would have been honester, if not stronger, had it included the local option feature.

The demand for a provision in the law for the "inspection of liquors and such other provisions as will properly safeguard the traffic and prevent its abuse," though plausible enough, will be accepted by a iarge element as a promise of more public or political jobs, and the partisan efficiency of the plank will doubtless be greater in this aspect of it than as a promise of protection to the drinker from impure or deleterious liquors. In truth, as a rule, the drinker is the last person concerned regarding the purity of liquor. But many votes are often gained for a party by a deft suggestion of loaves and fishes to be dis-

The plank endorsing the measure asking congress to appropriate \$250,000 for Queen Liliuokalani, is one of those things which no one will object to. The bitternesses of the past have so far been softened that there are none but well wishers of Liliuokalani in the Territory; and who would object to Congress giving her a quarter of a million or any other sum? Much more practical is the part of the plank favoring the continuance of the present appropriation for her until

On the whole it is a pretty good platform; from the vote getting standpoint it ought to prove an excellent one.

******** A Possible Farm Crop

In the report on Agricultural investigations in Hawaii by Dr. Jared Smith, there is the following regarding cassava, which has heen much spoken of as a possi-

"In Hawaii cassava grows as a perennial, although commercially it is best to treat the crop as an annual. It thrives from sea level on the Kona side of most of the islands up to 3,000 feet elevation, except in very wet districts. It reouires about the same soil as sweet potatoes and maintains an existence for a surprisingly long time, even under the most adverse conditions of neglect. A few plants are usually to be seen in the gardens of native Hawaiians, who give them less care and attention than they bestow upon their sweet-potato crop. If the production of this crop is undertaken on a commercial scale, the land should be selected so that it can be given the proper cultivation. Shallow plowing, 6 to 12 inches, is preferred to deeper cultivation, as it tends to keep the roots nearer the surface and facilitates harvesting. After the land is thoroughly prepared the seed, which consists of cuttings of the stalk, are planted in furrows 2 to 4 feet apart. The best results obtained in Hawaii are from plantings made from November to February. A field should be cultivated sufficiently to keep down the weeds, and at the end of the wet season the plants will be high enough to care for themselves in this respect. No irrigation is required, but a moderate application of low-grade fertilizer is recommended. As Hawaiian soils are mostly lacking in potash, this element should be used

When planted as directed above, the roots will be ready for harvest the following October or November. The roots will remain for a long period in the soil, and if allowed to grow for two years will Regatta Day. greatly increase in size and weight, but the increase is at the expense of the starch. The two-year-old roots are often hard and fibrous.

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may thank his stars that his sharp-

shooters couldn't sharpshoot-Philadel

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man Griggs or Chairman Sherman will

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body offering Chairman Jim Sherman

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There is likely to be a suspicion that ome of those who opposed giving Governor Carter credit for the sound financial administration he has given, really wish he hadn't given as sound an administration as he has.

The Call in a recent edition, called on Mayor Schmitz in all the hysteria of big type the front page to end the street car strike.

It seems to have been one of the greatest days in the history of Wai-

Wailuku fully sustained her reputaion for hospitality.

Our visitors from Southern California go into raptures over the verdure of the Hawalian mountains. They certainly are different in this respect from the Southern California moun-

At the Territorial convention there was unanimity on the question of nomination, but a hot fight on the plat-At the county convention next Friday, there isn't likely to be much thought wasted on the platform, but just watch the struggle for nomination.

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